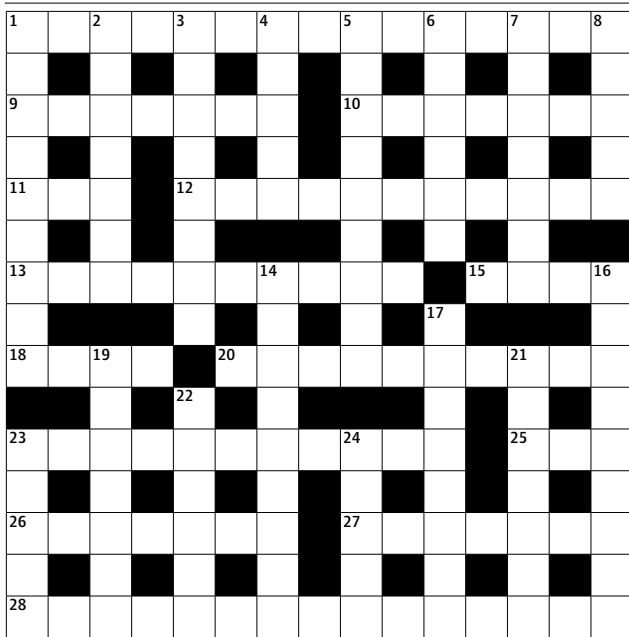


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,045 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 1 With extraordinary charm, old capital smothers a censor (4,11)
- 9 Liable to be detected having forty winks (7)
- 10 Lumberjack's picture? (7)
- 11 Talk of state? (3)
- 12 Prevent passing of legislation to reduce police numbers? (4,3,4)
- 13 Reduced borough with David and Richard playing a duet (10)
- 15,18 Kings keeping tips on account may be taken aback (8)
- 20 Actor in the front inside back (5,5)
- 23 Play throughout the season in question with everyone going down (3,4,4)
- 25 Keyholder having been fired? (3)
- 26 Artist, one writing plays for adults included (7)
- 27 One in musical – "The Prince and the Show-girl"? (7)
- 28 I enter alliance with Lovelace's new girl, rendering three – which includes 27 (8,7)

## Down

- 1 Crave drug from receiver of kicks? (4,5)
- 2 Sport that is newly put in store (7)
- 3 Smart lad's victims of premature count? (8)

- 4 Backer of good old coin (5)
- 5 Acknowledges old actor's time with runners (3,6)
- 6 Island ways being broadcast (6)
- 7 Event with lots of bridge? (7)
- 8 Related to one's origin in South Africa (5)
- 14 A mutiny to elevate atmosphere at the 28? (9)
- 16 God's in attitude that will give a speedy ride (4,5)
- 17 Poet-parson upset Cleo (8)
- 19 Incest upsetting sick musician (7)
- 21 In painting, an encore given to such as Lawrence (7)
- 22 Wodehousian greeting to doctor without cover (4,2)
- 23 Shaker when writer? (5)
- 24 A fight, more or less (5)

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